

LIVERPOOL ARCHITECTURAL SOCIETY.—On Wednesday, in last week, at the usual meeting of the Architectural and Archaeological Society, of this town, Mr. Picton, the president, read a paper "On the Rise and Progress of Architecture and Building in Liverpool." After alluding to the admirable site on which the town stood, and mentioning Venice and Amsterdam as instances of what might be done by enterprise in overcoming natural difficulties, he commenced his review of the architecture of Liverpool in what was called the ancient time. He traced the few narrow streets, the badly-ventilated houses, the absence of any notion of sanitary arrangement which then prevailed amongst the inhabitants; the pool at the bottom of Lord-street, with the ferry extending to Ranelagh-street; the gradual increase in the wealth of the corporation; the building of the old dock; Hanover-street as the principal residence of the merchant princes of Liverpool; the fields and beautiful walks extending from the then confined town, and on which now stands the Tyre of the world; the gradual extension of the commerce of the port, and with it the increase in the size of the town and the numbers of the population; the erection of the various public buildings, such as the town-hall, built on the site of the holy cross in 1673, and other buildings of note. Sir Thomas Johnson, who took an active part in the affairs of the town from 1700 to 1723, Mr. Picton considered the founder of modern Liverpool. He was an arrant smuggler, and terminated his career as an excise officer in Virginia.

SMOKY CHIMNEYS: NO CURE NO PAY.—In the Norfolk Circuit, at Bedford, on 5th inst. a case was decided, in which the plaintiff, Mr. Bentley, a worker in metals, and smoke-doctor, in Bedford, claimed a balance of 79l. 10s. 10d. in addition to 23l. paid to account of an unsuccessful attempt to cure eight chimneys of Wavendon vicarage (a modern mediæval mansion by Mr. Ferrey), for the present vicar, the Rev. Mr. Burney, the defendant. Eight copper pipes, made to suit the style of the house, had been put up on as many chimney-stacks, and other alterations made in flues, grates, and doors, by the plaintiff, but without avail, and the defendant ultimately had to call upon his architect, who raised the stacks 16 feet. This the plaintiff claimed as his own original proposal, which he said the vicar resisted. On the part of the defendant it was urged that the bargain with the plaintiff was made on the principle of no cure no pay, and that the copper pipes were returned when found useless. The evidence to this effect, however, was defective, and a verdict for the plaintiff was given to the full amount claimed.

SOLDERING METALS.—M. Derode, of Paris, has specified his patent for a new process for uniting cast-iron to cast-iron and other metals, and for uniting other metals together. He claims—1. The uniting of metals by the agency of electricity (either magnetic or electro-galvanic), with the usual scouring process, and with the addition of ordinary heat. 2. The combining electric agency (either magnetic or electro-galvanic) with the scouring process. 3. The application of an electric multiplier to the scouring process and to the soldering of metals.

WINE ESTIMATING.—Do, pray, insert these tenders, delivered for pulling down and rebuilding the Mitre tavern, Tooley-street:—

Sturges and Addams	£950
Cheseman	839
Taylor	695
Coope	680
Wills	675
Hill	653
Paul	557

M.

I HAVE read much in your pages about blind builders, and I think the following tenders, for alterations, repairs, and additions to the Royal Standard, Vauxhall-road, deserve a place among them:—

Lansdown	£1,065
Dean	661
Side	598
Gammou	568

By inserting the above you will oblige—A. S.

Lines to an old tune,* suggested by the London Art-Union print of "An English Merry-making in the Olden Time."

Oh! what a merry group are they,
All aho! seem hithe and gay,
Save the dame who, with diddau,
Listens to that homely swain!
Looks at him with scornful eyes,
Thus expressing her surprise,
That he should dare to ask her hand,
And join with him the rustic band,
When there's one of high degree,
Who, with gentle courtesy,
Takes that hand within his own,
And seems to say, "Tis mine alone."

How that aged matron joys,
To see the happy girls and boys,
Urge her good man to advance,
And take a partner for the dance.
Will the grandsons willing be
To foot it now so merrily;
Sure that maid will not in vain
Entreat him to seem young again?
Youth and age, and childhood gay,
Hail their rural holiday;
Throng where manly sports invite,
Or in the merry dance delight.

What will that cunning gipsy fad,
To tell the damsel half rectified
Near a youth, who, there's no doubt,
Will help that cunning gipsy out
To tell a tale of fond true love,
And to the pretty maiden prove,
That he who lies beside her there,
Believes her fairest of the fair?
England's lads and lasses meet,
To trip along on nimble feet;
While fiddle, pipe, and tabor sound,
To aid them in the joyous round.

ISABEL C.

LECTURES BY WORKING MEN.—The foremen in the employ of Messrs. William Cubitt and Co. Gray's-inn-road, have recently made an arrangement, under the sanction of the principals, for the head of each department to deliver a lecture on the principles and practice of his trade and the nature of the materials employed, &c. to the sons of the workmen and the juvenile assistants throughout the establishment, in connection with the school and library which were formed on the premises two years ago. The first of these lectures was delivered on the 4th instant, in one of the large work-rooms, by Mr. Thomas Robinson, the head clerk and manager. The lecture being introductory, the subject was, of course, general in its character. The advantages of self-culture and mode of proceeding were pointed out in a manner suited to the circumstances of the listeners, at the same time with an earnestness which rivetted the attention of the adult part of the audience.

ROAD MAKING.—I beg to hand you a specimen of rather wide estimating for a road at Penn Wood, Bucks, under the direction of Mr. James Harris, Surveyor. The works consisted of a road, 1,920 yards long, to be formed 30 feet wide, and to receive a coating of gravel and flint, mixed, 12 feet wide, and 10 inches deep; 180 feet run of barrel drain, 12 inches diameter; and a large dell, to fill up, about 120 yards long, 12 yards wide, and 3 yards deep, containing 4,320 cubic yards:—

	Reeds.	Dell.	Total.
	£.	s.	£.
Messrs. Earle, Westminster	480	165	645
Contingencies		50	695
Becks, London	336	150	486
Coulson, Forest-Hill (accepted)	336	48	384

H. H.

SPIITALFIELDS CHURCH.—A correspondent complains that the Commandments, Lord's Prayer, and Creed have been removed from the walls of this church. He says,—"An omission it is not, for it has been pointed out, but in vain."

PEEL STATUES.—The statue for Leeds, by Mr. Behnes, is cast in bronze. The operation of pouring the metal into the mould was performed within the last few days at Mr. Robinson's foundry, Pimlico. It was cast in one solid piece. The bronze statue for the city of London, by the same sculptor, is also in a state of forwardness. Gibson's statue of Sir Robert Peel is now modelled in plaster, being nearly completed. It is destined for Westminster Abbey. The figure is clothed in classical drapery, falling in long folds around his person.

* "Come, let us dance and sing."

CHERING-CROSE BRIDGE COMPANY.—The tolls for half-year ending 31st January last, amount to 3,734l. 12s. 8d. being 724l. 3s. 7d. more than the receipts for corresponding period of previous year. 115l. have been expended in paying the northern abutment of the bridge. The directors have resolved to proceed at once to make a better access to the bridge. A direct thoroughfare will be thus formed from the bridge to the York-road, which will be lighted and paved for the convenience of foot passengers and opening as nearly as possible to the station of the South Western Railway.

PROVIDENT INSTITUTION OF BUILDERS' FOREMEN.—We are anxious to draw the attention of our readers to the fact that the annual dinner of this very deserving institution is to take place at the London Tavern on Wednesday in week after next (24th instant), when Mr. Thomas Piper, jun. will take the chair. We are glad to see so full a list of stewards, and we hope that there will be a large attendance of the friends and patrons of the institution.

THE SALLYPORT OF WINDSOR CASTLE.—The workmen engaged in levelling the ground between the Garter Tower and the old Belfry Tower, known as Julius Caesar's Tower, have discovered, at about 6 feet below the surface, a passage cut through the chalk rock. The fifth and rubbish are now being got out. The passage is 6 feet wide and 10 feet high; the sides built of sound masonry, arched over with massive stonework. At present it has been traced to one of the Minor Canons' houses in the Horseshoe Cloisters, adjoining Julius Caesar's Tower, where the entrance is bricked up. From this part there is a gradual descent into Thames-street. It has been conjectured that this is the ancient sallyport from the Castle, made as a means of escape in case of siege or invasion, and that it passes under the river to Burnham Abbey, about three miles distant, where there is a corresponding passage proceeding in the direct line to Windsor. For this, however, there is no ground whatever.

THE EDUCATION OF THE EYE.—A lecture under this title was given at Weybridge, on Saturday night, in aid of the funds of the Mechanics' Institute, by Mr. M. Digby Wylt. The lecturer enforced the pleasure and advantage to be derived from a knowledge of the forms and other characteristics of the works of nature and art, and the facility with which, by judicious and careful observation, the eye might convey instruction to the mind.

FIRE IN WHITECHAPEL.—A large mass of building, eight floors in height, and it is said 250 to 300 feet in length, occupied by Messrs. Thorpe, paper-stainers and paper dealers, was destroyed last week by fire, and adjoining properties much injured. Messrs. Thorpe's premises were only insured for 3,500l. Most of the walls have fallen, and the building is a complete ruin. It is really lamentable, in these days of fire-proof invention, to hear of such constant losses by fire.

THE ACADEMY EXHIBITION.—As the period is now approaching for the opening of the Royal Academy Exhibition, will you allow me to suggest the issue of season tickets at a reasonable rate, whereby a great boon would be conferred on the art-loving public.

AMATOR ARTIS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"J. Y." (we are unable to give addresses). "T. L. D." (thanks). "W. C." "W. C. T." "J. T." "E. N." "W. F. G." (thanks). "Correspondent" "A. Peet." "E. W. H." "G. and Co." "Q. Q." "S. G." "J. E. and Co." (will bear from the publisher). "E. N." "W. M. B." "W. R. C." "J. B." "F. H." (not our practice). "M. M." "Messrs. L." "J. N. W." "John."

"Books and Addresses."—We have not time to point out books or find addresses.

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